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Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilot

King County-City of Seattle, WA

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected King County and the City of Seattle for a Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilot. King County and the City of Seattle will manage the Brownfields Job Training Pilot, Brownfields Assessment Pilot, and Showcase Community Initiative. The Job Training Pilot will focus on the Duwamish Industrial Corridor, the most highly concentrated industrial area in the State of Washington. The corridor encompasses more than 8,500 acres and runs through the center of Seattle's federal Enterprise Community and state-designated Community Empowerment Zone. Despite a strong regional economy, distressed neighborhoods in the Duwamish Corridor suffer from poverty rates as high as 57 percent and unemployment rates three times higher than the county average.

The state has identified more than 200 sites with confirmed contamination in the industrial corridor, and numerous other sites are suspected to contain hazardous substances. King County and the City of Seattle are currently implementing a community-based process to prioritize brownfields for cleanup and redevelopment. The county and city will give

PILOT SNAPSHOT

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*King County-
City of Seattle,
Washington*

Profile: The Pilot will train a minimum of 50 participants as environmental technicians and train 20 of the students in advanced environmental assessment techniques. Students will be recruited from distressed neighborhoods in the Duwamish Industrial Corridor, which runs through the center of Seattle's federal Enterprise Community and state-designated Community Empowerment Zone.

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For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
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preference to those cleanup and redevelopment projects for which the proponent is willing to consider hiring local residents that graduate from the Pilot training program.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

King County and the City of Seattle plan to train a minimum of 50 residents with the EPA grant and ensure a 65 percent rate of job retention after one year. The Pilot will target low-income residents and welfare recipients from distressed neighborhoods in the Duwamish Industrial Corridor. The Pilot training program will consist of a 184-hour environmental technician curriculum, including the use of innovative assessment and cleanup technologies. Twenty of the graduates will be provided with an additional 120-hour advanced environmental assessment curriculum leading to certification.

The training efforts of King County and the City of Seattle will be supported by organizations such as the Environmental Coalition of South Seattle, three local community colleges, the Manufacturing Industrial Council of Seattle, and the King County Labor Council. Local employer support is strong; four environmental firms are committed to give priority consideration to hire graduates.

ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting outreach to recruit low-income residents and welfare recipients living within the Duwamish industrial corridor;
- Conducting environmental technician and advanced environmental assessment training, including courses in the use of innovative assessment and cleanup technologies; and
- Supporting career placement of graduates for one year after the job training is completed.
- Funds leveraged from other sources will provide job readiness, life skills training and long-term follow up job placement.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.